

BILL # HB 2298

TITLE: ADOT; pilot car training; certification

SPONSOR: Biggs

STATUS: As Introduced

REQUESTED BY: House

PREPARED BY: Bob Hull

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Description

The bill would allow the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to adopt rules to establish “pilot car” operator training and certification requirements.

Estimated Impact

The JLBC Staff cannot determine a fiscal impact since the amount of the certification fees and penalties are to be determined by rules to be adopted by ADOT

Analysis

The bill defines a “pilot car” as a motor vehicle that escorts overdimensional or overweight loads on any street or highway in the state. The bill would allow ADOT to adopt rules to establish pilot car operator training and certification requirements, permit third parties to conduct training and certification, establish fees to be determined by the ADOT director, and provide penalties for pilot cars that violate overdimensional or overweight load requirements. The rules would exempt law enforcement officers engaged in their official duties.

ADOT cannot determine a fiscal impact since the amount of the fees (to be determined by the ADOT director) and penalties (to be established by rules) are unknown. Currently, Arizona requires neither any specific training nor certification for pilot car operators. Ten states have certification programs for pilot car operators including Colorado, Florida, Kansas, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, Virginia and Washington. The JLBC Staff has contacted other states concerning the cost of their programs and is awaiting that information.

The bill would have a general effective date.

Local Government Impact

Local governments could receive some unknown amount of revenue depending on the distribution of the certification fees and penalties.

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